

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-3, 5, 7, and 9-12 will be pending. By this amendment, claims 4, 6, and 8 have been canceled; claims 1-3, 5, and 7 have been amended; and claims 9-12 have been added. No new matter has been added.

**§112 Rejection of Claims 2 and 3**

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 2 and 3 have been amended to obviate the rejection.

**Allowable Subject Matter of Claims 4, 6, and 8**

It is appreciatively noted that claims 4, 6, and 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The allowable subject matter of claims 4, 6, and 8 has been incorporated into claims 1, 5, and 7, respectively, as discussed below. Claims 4, 6, and 8 have been canceled.

**§102 Rejection of Claims 1-3, 5, and 7**

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Weisberg *et al.* (U.S. Patent 6,351,736; hereinafter referred to as "Weisberg").

Independent claims 1, 5, and 7 have been amended to include allowable subject matter of claims 4, 6, and 8, respectively. Therefore, claims 1, 5, and 7 should be allowable over

Weisberg. Since claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1, claims 2 and 3 should also be allowable over Weisberg.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-3, 5, and 7 based upon 35 U.S.C. §102(e) has been overcome by the present remarks and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

#### Newly-added claims 9-12

Newly-added claims 9-12 include substantially similar limitations as the allowable subject matter of claims 4 and 6. Therefore, claims 9-12 should also be allowable over Weisberg.

#### Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, and the allowance of this application with claims 1-3, 5, 7, and 9-12, is respectfully solicited.

In regard to the claims amended herein and throughout the prosecution of this application, it is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes that have been made to these claims were not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes were made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.


In the event that additional cooperation in this case may be helpful to complete its prosecution, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number written below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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